

The Police Corps Weekly

Week 1

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Recruits in the 3rd Recruit Class

- Recruit Truli Bertram
- Recruit Aaron Dillhoff
- Recruit Jake Drobnick
- Recruit Robert Glejf
- Recruit Kyle Jentsch
- Recruit Jason Johnson
- Recruit Sean Kaufenberg
- Recruit Peter Kraeger
- Recruit Ryan McNally
- Recruit Michael Meyer
- Recruit Brian Miller
- Recruit Leah Olson
- Recruit Ryan Prock
- Recruit Corie Pusel
- Recruit John Rousseau
- Recruit Lelsie Salbego
- Recruit Timothy Schall
- Recruit Zachary Scott
- Recruit Jason Staab
- Recruit Tyrell West

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Introduction to the Police Corps

By: Recruit Meyer

All twenty recruits arrived at the State Patrol Training Academy on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 with much anticipation for the next twenty-one weeks of training. The first day of class started at 1000 hours when the class was introduced to the Police Corps staff and given a Police Corps orientation briefing. They were also assigned rooms and issued most of the equipment and clothing, which they would be using for rest of the training cycle. The day ended at 2200 hours, with the recruits getting some much needed sleep in preparation for the next day.

Recruits Begin Training Post Haste

By: Recruit Schaal

Physical training, employment interviewing skills, and coping with stress were training topics that introduced the recruits to the Police Corps training agenda. The first day of physical training consisted of a physical diagnostic test to determine each recruits' abilities in the six following categories: push-ups, sit-ups, 300 meter sprint, 1.5 mile run, bench press, and leg press. The diagnostic was then used to assist recruits and staff in identifying strengths and weaknesses and to help set physical training goals. Employment interviewing skills were also stressed during orientation. While some of the recruits have confirmed placement with law enforcement agencies, many others still need to complete the final phases of their respective department's hiring processes. To prepare for this, Mr. Thomas Lobe presented many concepts and strategies that make up a successful job interview. Mr. Lobe also answered many of the questions the recruit's had about job interviewing. Mr. Lobe and Sergeant Robert Defrang also presented a class on an often overlooked, but vitally important, subject in law enforcement, officer stress. While all of us realize that a career in law enforcement is stressful, we fail to notice that this stress can have fatal consequences for both our families and ourselves. The instructors presented startling statistics on police officer divorce, alcoholism, and depression rates. In turn, we were instructed that we can successfully deal with stress through healthy lifestyle choices, exercise, and relaxation techniques.

Hmong Community Awareness

By: Recruit Johnson

The first week of Police Corps training ended with a presentation on the Hmong community by Yong Kay Moua and his wife, Houa Vue Moua. The Hmong population in Wisconsin, with 50,000 people, is the 3rd largest in the country. The class was introduced to some customs of the Hmong people, along with the problems and misunderstandings their community is experiencing with Wisconsin law enforcement. The Mouas were able to add valuable insight into the Hmong com-

munity that we can use while on the job. Along with a lecture, the



Recruit Salbego and Recruit Johnson get 'married' traditional Hmong style.

class was given a glimpse of a Hmong wedding as Recruits Salbego and Johnson were married in a brief string tying ceremony. Recruits West and Drobnick were also asked to participate while traditional Hmong medicine was performed on their aching bodies. Throughout the presentation, the class was given insight into a culture that many of us will come into contact with on a regular basis.

D.A.A.T.

By: Recruit Kaufenberg

Much of a law enforcement officer's career is focused around contacts with the public. The main goal of an officer is to get their subjects to comply voluntarily. However, when a subject becomes uncooperative or violent, the officer may have to use physical force to control or overcome active resistance from

the subject. Sergeant Hefti, our DAAT instructor, started out the week with the in-class portion of training by going over use of force and its requirements. When we began the practical portion of the class, we started by learning the tactical stance, which has three parts; the open stance, ready stance, and defensive stance.

DAAT is a difficult class, in terms of mental and physical ability, but the techniques taught will help keep us alive when we are officers in the field.

Defensive and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) is a system of verbalization skills coupled with physical alternatives.

Agency Spotlight

By: Recruit Scott

Recruit Scott and Recruit Staab are currently being sponsored by the West Allis Police Department. The City of West Allis is located in Milwaukee County.



West Allis Police Department

The police department serves a population of 61,254, making it the tenth largest city in Wisconsin. The department is headed by Chief Dean Puschnig. West

Allis is protected by approximately 131 sworn officers and a SWAT team. West Allis is home to many major recreation and sporting events including the Wisconsin State Fair Park and the Pettit National Ice Center.

Firearms Training

By: Recruit Kraeger

In preparation for the extensive firearms training the recruits will be receiving, they were issued Ruger P93DC 9mm pistols. Sergeant Robert DeFrang led the class in firearms safety instruction. The four fundamental rules of firearms safety are: Assume all guns are loaded; Never let the muzzle cross anything you are not willing to destroy; Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are firing; and Know your target and what's beyond it.

Along with important safety rules, the recruits were given instruction on general maintenance of the weapon, which includes disassembly, cleaning, lubricating,



Recruits practice the proper firearms stance.

and reassembly.

Later in the week, the recruits got their first chance at firing their weapons at the indoor range. While on the range, safety was of utmost importance. On the range the recruits worked on their stance, grip, and sight alignment. They were instructed on the initial steps on how to properly shoot the firearm. This will provide a good foundation as they progress through the firearms module.

The Picture Says It All:

Photographed By: Recruit Kaufenberg

The intensity of the DAAT training will help us achieve our physical fitness goals, Sergeant Hefti will make sure of it!



Weekly Training Review...

By: Recruit Pusel

In week one of the Police Corps recruit class, the main focus was on Defense and Arrest Tactics and Firearms. The recruits learned and practiced valuable defense and arrest tactics from Sergeant Hefti of the Wisconsin State Patrol. Recruits were repeatedly quizzed on disturbance resolution, which stressed the importance of approach considerations and intervention options. Recruits received their first instructions on firearms from Sergeant De Frang, who stressed the importance of safety.

In addition, the recruits were taught Drill and Ceremony by the National Guard Challenge Academy staff. The National Guard Challenge Academy staff also trained recruits in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, which is needed for recruits to work with Challenge Academy cadets.

The recruits' week concluded on Saturday with Yong Kay Moua and Houa Vue Moua from Hmong Community, coming to the Police Corps Academy to speak about their culture. We learned many things about the culture during the morning seminar. For example, practices that are acceptable to us, may not be acceptable to the Hmong people. We also learned that signs of disrespect to the American culture, are signs of respect to the Hmong culture, so it was very informative for those of us who were not familiar with the Hmong traditions.